HEADQUARTERS, U. S. FORCES, TEXAS.

PASS CAVALLO, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 23.

The attention of the Major General Commanding, has been attracted to the un-officer like practise of persons temporarily absent from this command, seeking occasion, whilst so absent, to apply directly, and sometimes personally, for indulgence at Superior Head Quarters either by leave of absence or by detail on some trifling or pleasant duty away from their proper commands.

Such conduct is now positively forbidden, and any officer who, when absent from this command, shall apply for such indulgence without sending his application first through proper channels to these Head Quarters, will be punished for disobedience of orders:

> By Order of Major General N. J. T. DANA.

> > Hugh G. Brown,

OFFICIAL:

Capt. & Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

Capt: and A. A. Genl: